

Remarks

In the Official Communication, the Examiner stated that the BPAI affirmed the rejection against independent claims 1, 16, 27, and 29; but reversed the rejection against claims 7 and 15. A one month time period was set for the Applicant to present the dependent claim(s) in independent form.

In response, the Applicant has rewritten claim 7 in independent form and amended the remaining claims to depend therefrom. Additionally, the Applicant has added claim 30 which is merely claim 15 rewritten in independent form.

Conclusion

Claims 3, 4, 6-14, and 30 are now in condition for allowance. As set forth above, Applicants submit that these claims are allowable and thus respectfully request allowance of the same. If the examiner has any questions regarding the substance of this office action response, he is invited to contact the undersigned at 503-796-2408.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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